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Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

Procurement of technicians for equipment
of new FBIB monitoring stations.

25X1 1. During the coming six to twelve months, FBIB will be engaged in the construction and equipment of three new monitoring stations [redacted] (Maryland), [redacted] (Cyprus) and [redacted] (Okinawa). The internal wiring and installation of equipment in these stations cannot be contracted out, but must be performed by competent technicians under the close supervision of FBIB engineers.

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2. As a result of experience in equipping the Reseda station, it appears certain that a sufficient number of technicians from the present FBIB staff cannot be assigned to the new installation work without seriously curtailing routine operations and delaying the activation of the projected stations. Communications Branch, OSO, is not in a position to lend technicians to FBIB for this purpose.

3. Since installation work will begin within 30 or 60 days at [redacted] and shortly thereafter [redacted], procurement of additional American technicians through normal recruitment, security clearance and appointment procedure is not practical. Competent native technicians are not available on Cyprus or on Okinawa for local appointment under existing authority.

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4. It is requested, therefore, that FBIB be authorized:

a. To recruit within continental United States three competent radio installation and maintenance technicians for each of the three projects.

b. To appoint under waiver of security clearance such technicians to temporary per diem positions not to exceed 12 months at hourly wages equivalent to the compensation for CAF-7, CAF-8 or CAF-9 positions, according to the qualifications of individual recruits.

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c. To order travel and temporary duty for three such technicians each to Cyprus and Okinawa, with payment of per diem in lieu of subsistence in accordance with standard regulations governing travel of federal employees; and to return them to point of origin within the continental United States upon completion of their work.

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